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The items checked below are attached:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) ("IDS") (2 pages);
- ☒ Form PTO 1449 (1 page);
- ☒ Copy of three (3) cited references with English-language translations (64 pages); and
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$180.00 (IDS fee).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed after the events recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, an *ex parte* Quayle Action, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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